

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 137
By Jackson

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Woodrow Adair of Lewis County for his 50 years of continued service in the American Legion and his faithfulness thereunto.

WHEREAS, our nation was founded by individuals who were willing to sacrifice themselves and put aside their personal needs and concerns in order to ensure our individual and collective freedom, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have gone above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, one such exemplary individual is Woodrow Adair of Lewis County who, in addition to his service in the Armed Forces in Pearl Harbor and World War II, has recently been honored for 50 years of continued service in the American Legion and for faithfulness to the programs of his post; and

WHEREAS, a member of the Fred E. Lomax American Legion Post 127, Woodrow Adair was one of three Lewis County men stationed in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on December 7, 1941, the day of the infamous Japanese attacks on the United States; and

WHEREAS, a mere 23 years old on the day of the Pearl Harbor attacks, Woodrow Adair proudly served as a Private, First Class in the 97th Coast Artillery Anti-Aircraft Automatic Weapons Battalion, and waited until 1945 to take his first leave; and

WHEREAS, equally as patriotic, Mr. Adair's seven brothers also proudly served in the Armed Forces during World War II, as did Leland Jones and Henry Harris, also of Lewis County; and

WHEREAS, Woodrow Adair is but one of thousands of Tennesseans who have continued the time-honored tradition of volunteerism and altruism through service in the United States Armed Forces; these individuals selflessly serve with courage and gallantry and deserve to be recognized for heroism in the line of duty and model citizenship in our American society; and

WHEREAS, like so many other American soldiers before his time and since, Woodrow Adair unselfishly paid the price of freedom for his friends, family, and all of us as he sacrificed his time, safety, and personal desires; when war tragically disrupted our American way of life on that fateful day in 1941, gallant soldiers like Woodrow Adair did not hesitate to join the fray to protect the liberties and freedoms we hold so dear; and

WHEREAS, though we cannot adequately express our appreciation to the courageous men and women of our Armed Forces like Woodrow Adair who have fought to preserve the blessed freedom that is inseparable from our American heritage and ideals, it is most appropriate that we should honor them to the full extent of our ability, as they made untold and innumerable sacrifices to preserve the liberties that we enjoy today and that our progeny will hopefully continue to cherish for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, Woodrow Adair's contributions to our Armed Forces in World War II and to American Legion Post 127 for the past 50 years have been invaluable, vital components of our ever stronger American way of life; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pay tribute to his accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Woodrow Adair of Lewis County for his 50 years of continued service to the American Legion, salute his patriotism and devotion to this country, and sincerely wish him the best in his every future endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.